

provide a separate exemption, made it clear that it was "not intended by the committee of conference to change * * * by the exemption for employees engaged in the named operations on shade-grown tobacco the application of the Act to any other employees. Nor is it intended that there be any implication of disagreement by the conference committee with the principles and tests governing the application of the present agricultural exemption as enunciated by the courts." (H. Rept. No. 327, supra, p. 18.)

§ 780.503 What determines the application of the exemption.

The application of the section 13(a)(14) exemption depends upon the nature of the work performed by the individual employee for whom exemption is sought and not upon the character of the work of the employer. A determination of whether an employee is exempt therefore requires an examination of that employee's duties. Some employees of the employer may therefore be exempt while others may not.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXEMPTION

§ 780.504 Basic conditions of exemption.

Under section 13(a)(14) of the Act all the following conditions must be met in order for the exemption to apply to an employee:

(a) He must work on "shade-grown tobacco."

(b) He must be an "agricultural employee" employed "in the growing and harvesting" of shade-grown tobacco.

(c) He must be engaged "in the processing * * * of such tobacco" and this processing must be both "prior to the stemming process" and to prepare the tobacco "for use as cigar wrapper tobacco." These requirements are discussed in the following sections of this subpart.

SHADE-GROWN TOBACCO

§ 780.505 Definition of "shade-grown tobacco."

Shade-grown tobacco to which the exemption applies is Connecticut Valley Shade-Grown U.S. Type 61 and

Georgia-Florida Shade-Grown U.S. Type 62.

§ 780.506 Dependence of exemption on shade-grown tobacco operations.

The exemption provided by section 13(a)(14) of the Act is limited to the performance of certain operations with respect to the specified commodity, shade-grown tobacco. Work in connection with any other kind of tobacco, or any other commodity, including any other farm product, is not exempt under this section. An employee must be an agricultural employee variously employed in the growing and harvesting of "shade-grown tobacco" and in the described processing of "such tobacco" in order that the section 13(a)(14) exemption may apply.

§ 780.507 "Such tobacco."

To be within the exemption, the processing activities with respect to shade-grown tobacco must be performed by an employee who has been employed in growing and harvesting "such tobacco." The term "such tobacco" clearly is limited to the specified type of tobacco named in the section, that is, shade-grown tobacco. While a literal interpretation of the term "such tobacco" might lead to a conclusion that the exemption extends only to the processing of the tobacco which the employee grew or harvested, it appears from the legislative history that the intent was to extend the exemption to the processing of such tobacco which may be viewed "as a continuation of the agricultural process, occurring in the vicinity where the tobacco was grown." (H. Rept. 75, 87th Cong., first sess., p. 26.) Thus, it appears that the term "such tobacco" has reference to the local crop of shade-grown tobacco, raised by other local growers as well as by the processor, and which is being processed as a continuation of the growing and harvesting of such crop in the vicinity.

§ 780.508 Application of the exemption.

(a) As indicated in § 780.504, an employee qualifies for exemption under section 13(a)(14) only if he is an agricultural employee employed in the growing and harvesting of shade-grown tobacco and is engaged in the processing